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DANIEL E. KLINE NAMED DIRECTOR OF ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO ENFORCEMENT

Today Gov. Ruth Ann Minner joined David B. Mitchell, Secretary of Safety and Homeland Security to announce the appointment of Daniel E. Kline as Director of the Division of Alcohol and Tobacco Enforcement (DATE).

Kline, 42, assumes command of DATE following the retirement of Donald J. Bowman. Kline, a 17-year State employee, joined DATE as a field agent in 1990. Since September 2000, he has served as Supervising Agent and legislative liaison for the Division. During his career, he has worked in every capacity as an agent including Firearms Instructor, Police Academy Instructor, Field Training Officer, Server Trainer, and CPR Instructor. He also served as the Union representative for DATE and wrote the first union contract for DATE Agents. He received the Department's Safer Delaware Award in 2001 and 2006 for exemplary employee achievement.

"Director Kline brings a wealth of experience and leadership to this position. He has worked his way through the ranks as an agent and thoroughly knows DATE from the bottom up. I have full faith and confidence in his ability to lead DATE and to serve the citizens of our State," said Sec. Mitchell.

"When I was hired as an Agent at 25 years old and was sent to the police academy it was only a dream that I would rise through each agent rank and someday be appointed as the Director of this excellent law enforcement agency. In the last 17 years, I have seen many positive changes in this agency as we have taken on more responsibilities to protect the citizens of Delaware. I now have the challenge and opportunity to continue this tradition. It is my goal to have the most talented and professional law enforcement officers in the State. I am extremely grateful to Governor Minner and Secretary Mitchell for giving me the trust and opportunity to make a dream come true," Director Kline said.

Director Kline holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Police Administration from Youngstown State University in Ohio. He began his law enforcement career with the Dewey Beach Police Department in 1986. He then worked as a Delaware State Parks Ranger for two years before joining DATE.

Director Kline and his wife, Trish are the proud parents of one son, Logan.

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